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## FLED OVER ROOF FROM GAPIING MOB

Mrs. Chadwick Eludes  
Immense Crowd Gath-  
ered to See Her.

## SHE PAYS VISITS TO WALL STREET

Attorneys Insist That She Will  
Meet Claims, Which Are Said  
to Amount to \$1,000,000.  
May Come South.  
Another Petition  
Filed.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, December 2.—While it has  
been officially announced that the claim  
of one of her largest creditors—the one  
who brought about all the publicity  
given her affairs—would be satisfac-  
torily settled, there was no diminution  
of interest to-day in the case of  
Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, the Cleveland woman  
whose financial affairs have furnished  
a series of sensations almost un-  
paralleled. The claim of Herbert B. New-  
ton, the Brooklyn, Mass., man, for nearly  
\$900,000, which, apparently, has been re-  
moved from further consideration ac-  
cording to a statement of Mrs. Chadwick's  
attorneys, was only an incident. Other  
claims still pending are known to ag-  
gregate four times that amount, attor-  
neys say.

**May Come South.**  
Mrs. Chadwick is still in her suite of  
rooms at the Holland House. It is be-  
lieved that she will quit the city soon,  
when she will go either to her home in  
Cleveland or else she will travel South.  
It is said that she has engaged a private  
car for her journey.

"Powerful aid has saved the day for  
her."  
This statement was made to-day by  
George Ryall, of local counsel for Her-  
bert B. Newton, in discussing the settle-  
ment of his client's claim against Mrs.  
Chadwick.

Where Mrs. Chadwick obtained the aid  
Mr. Ryall did not state, but it is known  
that she spent considerable time in the  
Wall Street financial district yesterday,  
and was for several hours in the offices  
of a firm of attorneys which frequently  
handles cases of this kind. It was  
soon after the visit that Mr. Newton's  
lawyers announced that they were sat-  
isfied that their claims would be set-  
tled. Edmund Powers, counsel for Mrs.  
Chadwick, said to-day:

"Mrs. Chadwick will pay every dollar  
that she owes, notwithstanding the grati-  
tuitous alleged statement of a Cleveland  
banker that she is 'broke.'"  
"We have decided that it is best for  
Mrs. Chadwick to postpone her personal  
statement until after all the present suits  
against her have been settled and dis-  
missed. In the street today, her coming  
had been heralded, and when she drove  
up to the building in which the offices of  
the Central Trust Company and the at-  
torneys whom she visited yesterday are  
located, the street was thronged with  
curious crowds. In a few moments the  
crowd had swollen to such proportions  
that half a dozen extra police were called  
to preserve order and clear a passageway  
through the street. After waiting an  
hour or more for Mrs. Chadwick to re-  
appear the crowd learned that she had  
taken the slip by going over the roof  
from the Central Trust Company building  
to the building of the attorneys.

**Another Petition.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 2.—Jacques  
Kraakauer, of New York, filed a petition  
in involuntary bankruptcy against Mrs.  
C. Chadwick in the Federal court here  
to-day. Kraakauer is a dealer in furs  
and embroidery. He claims \$900 to be  
due him from Mrs. Chadwick. The names  
of George Couch, a heavyman of this  
city, and H. P. Foster, a merchant,  
were also signed to the petition on claims  
of \$500 and \$200 respectively. The peti-  
tioners set forth that the giving of a  
note to the Elyria Bank by Mrs. Chadwick  
which she was indebted to them consti-  
tuted an act of insolvency.

Later in the day Nathan Loeser was  
appointed receiver for all the property  
of every kind and description belonging to  
Mrs. Chadwick. Loeser is an attorney of  
this city. The plaintiffs in their petition  
declare "that within four months pre-  
ceding the filing of this petition, while in-  
solvent, Mrs. Chadwick paid to D. Wheat-  
on and Son, of Cleveland, \$700, with in-  
tention to prefer Wheaton over other credi-  
tors."  
The Wheatons are meat dealers.

## NEGRO SAYS WHITE WOMAN SHOT HER OWN HUSBAND

(By Associated Press.)  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 2.—  
Jake Bradford, colored, and Mrs. J. G.  
Plummer, white, were arrested for the  
murder of J. G. Plummer, who was shot and  
killed Wednesday night, while sitting on  
his porch, and Bradford has made a con-  
fession, implicating Mrs. Plummer. He  
says that she offered him money to kill  
Plummer, but that he refused to do it;  
that she fired the fatal shot, handed him  
the gun and he took it away.

## Texas Official Murdered.

(By Associated Press.)  
DALLAS, TEXAS, December 2.—The  
body of Thomas McGraw, superintendent  
of the city water works, was found to-  
day under a trestle of the Texas and Pa-  
cific Railway, across Trinity River. The  
body was broken, McGraw had been  
missing for two days. He had nearly \$200  
with him when last seen, and the police  
believe he was murdered. It now ap-  
pears that he fell from the trestle. Six-  
teen dollars was found on his person.

## CONGRESS ON EVE OF BUSY SESSION

National Legislators Will  
Get Back to Work at  
Noon Monday.

## MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS ON HAND

Calendars of Both Houses Are  
Loaded With Bills of All  
Kinds—Tariff Question  
and Subject of Reci-  
procity—Representa-  
tion in South.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 2.—  
On the stroke of twelve Monday, the sec-  
ond session of the Fifty-eighth Congress  
will be called to order by President Pro  
Tem Frye in the Senate, and by Speaker  
Cannon in the House. "When the gavel  
of the presiding officers summons the sen-  
ators and representatives to duty nearly  
every member will be in his seat, but only  
routine business will be transacted. The  
chaplains will pray, the rolls will be called,  
the regular resolutions of notification  
will be passed, committees to inform the  
President will be appointed and adjourn-  
ment will follow out of respect for the  
deceased members. The President's mes-  
sage, generally is received and read the  
first day, but the Senate is reticent in  
certain matters and is almost sure to  
adjourn as a tribute of respect to the late  
Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, and the  
late Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania. The  
message, therefore, probably will not be  
read until Tuesday.

But there will be enough to attract the  
crowds which will fill the galleries. The  
opening of a session of Congress has be-  
come a flower show. Immense floral  
pieces designed to trophy the Senate or the  
State, or the district he represents are  
placed upon members' desks in both  
chambers, oftentimes totally obscuring  
the man they are intended to compliment.  
Besides these huge floral emblems sen-  
ators and members are remembered more  
modestly by simple bunches of flowers.  
Adorning constituents' desks in the de-  
partments, wives and sweethearts always  
see that favorites in both Senate and  
House are favored with flowers. In fact,  
the custom has grown to such proportions  
that those who are not remembered in  
the annual gorgeous congressional floral  
display feel that they have been uncon-  
sciously given greater distinction by the  
omission.

**Plenty to Do.**  
After the opening day, when the mes-  
sage of the President is read, the regu-  
lar business of the session will begin, and  
the legislative wheels will grind steadily  
until March 4, 1905. There is plenty  
to do. The calendars of both houses are  
loaded with bills of all kinds; hundreds  
of new bills will be introduced and com-  
mittees are ready to report enough to  
keep Congress busy for twelve months,  
but in the three months Congress prob-  
ably will do little more than pass the  
regular annual appropriation bills. There  
has been some talk of a possible extra  
session. The result of the November  
election was scarcely known before this  
talk began. Heretofore extra session  
rumors have been held in abeyance until  
the holiday recess or at least until after  
the election returns have been digested,  
but this year the discussion began be-  
fore the President knew how many votes  
he would have in the electoral college.  
The only reason why such a session should  
be called is because there is a demand in  
certain quarters for a revision of the  
tariff, but many of the incoming congress-  
men during the past two weeks have  
made it plain that they do not want tariff  
revision, and, further, that they do not  
want an extra session.

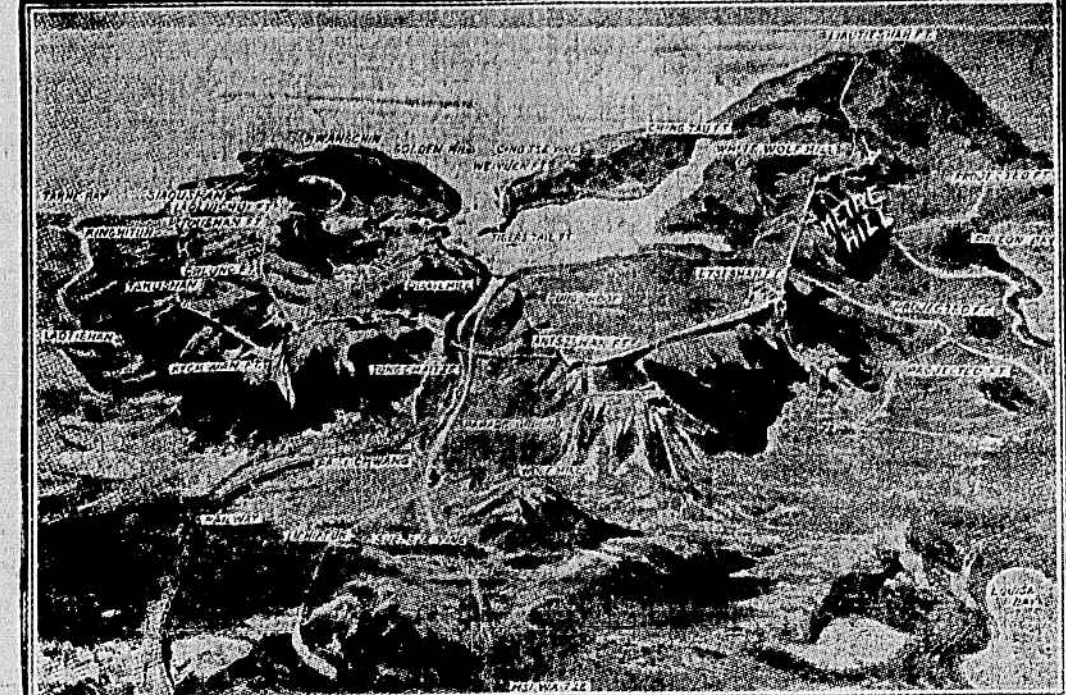
There is one feature of the tariff re-  
vision talk that has some substance.  
More revenue must be had or there must  
be a curtailment of expenditures. With  
the increasing annual appropriations, a  
river and harbor bill, increasing revenue  
measures, the Panama Canal and other  
features of extraordinary disbursement, there  
will be need of more money than present  
customs and internal revenues provide.  
An intimation has been made that cur-  
tailment will satisfy many congressional  
leaders, but the majority may determine  
otherwise, in which case some revenue  
legislation may be necessary and an ex-  
tra session.

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## DIFFERENCES WILL BE AMICABLY ADJUSTED

Congressional Committee Aston-  
ished at the Progress Made in  
Work on Panama Canal.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 2.—Assis-  
tant Secretary of the Navy Darling ar-  
rived here from San Francisco to-night,  
en route to Washington, and met the con-  
gressional committee, under Chairman  
Hepburn, just returned from Panama  
on the United States transport Sumner.  
In charge of a committee from the Pro-  
gressive Union, the party will to-morrow  
make an inspection of the Mississippi  
River levee system, the United States  
naval dry dock and the harbor at New  
Orleans. The members of the congress-  
sional committee were astonished at the  
progress and possibilities of the canal at  
Panama, but believe that it would take  
more time and money than at first an-  
ticipated. Most of them seemed to favor  
a sea level canal. They say also that all  
differences will be amicably adjusted,  
several members favoring a  
commercial and canal convention be-  
tween the countries. At agreed that the  
United States would have to maintain  
order and protect labor during the canal  
work. The party will leave for Wash-  
ington to-morrow night to be present at  
the opening of Congress.



KEY TO FORTS AT PORT ARTHUR, WHERE BATTLE IS NOW RAGING.

## BIGGEST LAND GRABBER SUIT

General Ben Butler's Coal Lands  
a Prize Worth Fight-  
ing for.

## SIXTY THOUSAND FOR TAXES

To Gain Possession Many Set-  
tlers of Years Standing Will  
Have to be Ejected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
TIDEWELL, VA., December 2.—The  
celebrated case of C. W. Tebbutt, of  
Norfolk, who has been trying to get pos-  
session of a large boundary of timber  
and coal lands in Buchanan county, was  
argued here before Judge Henson to-day.  
This land has been in litigation for a  
long number of years. Mr. Tebbutt was  
represented by ex-Senator Jeffries, of  
Norfolk.

In December of last year Judge J. H.  
Stuart, who was designated to sit at the  
December term of the Buchanan county  
Court, instead of the regular Judge, Judge  
A. Beavers, overruled the motion of Teb-  
butt and others for a tax deed covering  
200,000 acres of valuable coal and timber  
lands in Buchanan county, known as the  
"Pearson survey." This land, which now  
belongs to the heirs of the late Benjamin  
F. Butler, of Massachusetts, has been  
returned delinquent for taxes for a great  
many years, and the amount due at that  
time was \$20,000. The applicants some  
time since filed an application under the  
statute which is known as the "Land Grabber act"  
to purchase same, but Judge Stuart over-  
ruled the motion, on the grounds that the  
applicants had not fully complied with  
the statutes. The applicants then applied  
to the Circuit Court of Buchanan county  
to make them a tax deed. Judge Henson,  
sitting in the regular term of the Teb-  
butt County Court, overruled the de-  
cision of Judge Stuart, upon the ground  
that the statute had been properly con-  
strued. He said this last decision puts the  
applicants where they were this time last  
year. The land in question is some of the  
most valuable coal lands in Southwest  
Virginia, and has been lying in the hands  
of the Pearson family for a number of years.  
It is said that the case is just in its  
infancy. The first thing that Tebbutt  
will have to do now is to get possession  
of the Pearson title. After that is done  
he will have to live on the land and raise  
his family for those many years, they  
will have to be dealt with, and when that time  
comes the newspapers will have use for  
searchlights.

## Dropped Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SALESBURY, N. C., December 2.—Mr.  
John Eagle, Jr., a well known citizen of  
Rowan county, dropped dead at his home  
near this city at an early hour this  
morning.

## GEORGIA NEGROES KILL WHITE MAN WITH AXE

Body Found in Swamp With  
Ghastly Wound in  
Head.

(By Associated Press.)  
THOMSON, GA., Dec. 2.—The body of  
Rad. M. Story was found this morning  
by his brother, Claude H. Story, and his  
father, H. A. Story, who were among the  
party searching for him in a cane swamp  
about two miles north of Thomson. Three  
ghastly wounds in his head told that he  
had met a violent death.  
It appears that some negroes living in  
the neighborhood of where his body was  
found had been stealing cotton from a  
negro living on a farm Mr. Story had  
rented. Mr. Story went to see the negroes  
about the matter yesterday afternoon  
and never returned home. An axe bearing  
traces of blood and hair was found under  
the bed at the home of a negro woman  
named Hattie Butler. Her son, Thomas  
Butler, and John and Guy Reid are now  
under arrest at Thomson.

## Invitation From Birmingham.

(By Associated Press.)  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 2.—The  
Commercial Club, at its next meeting,  
will extend an invitation to President  
Roosevelt to visit Birmingham, and will  
appoint a committee of citizens to present  
the invitation to the Chief Executive.  
The Board of Trade and City Council are  
also expected to take such action.

## AGED ACTRESS DIED FROM BATH

Plunge Into Cold Water Proved  
Fatal in Its Effect Upon  
Mrs. Gilbert.

## LONG CAREER ON THE STAGE

Was Starring in "Granny," a  
Play Written as a Tribute  
to Her.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, December 2.—Mrs. George  
Henry Gilbert, the oldest actress on the  
American stage, died in her rooms at  
the Sherman House to-day, shortly after  
she had suffered a stroke of apoplexy.  
The attack came while Mrs. Gilbert  
was alone with her maid. The maid  
first sought to lift her to a couch, but  
realizing that Mrs. Gilbert's attack was  
a grave one, left her where she had



MRS. GEORGE HENRY GILBERT.

fallen and summoned the house physi-  
cian, Dr. J. T. Owen who responded im-  
mediately. He pronounced the condition  
of Mrs. Gilbert critical.

Mrs. Gilbert's Chicago engagement in  
Clyde Fitch's play, "Granny," began at  
Power's Theatre last Monday, and until  
to-day the venerable actress had ap-  
peared to be in her usual health. The end  
came without a struggle. There was a  
smile upon the aged woman's face as she  
breathed her last.

## Due to Cold Bath.

Three hours before her death, the noted  
actress had risen and declared she in-  
tended to devote the day to shopping.  
"I must get out and buy Christmas  
presents for the child actors and ac-  
tresses of New York," she said to her  
maid; but Mrs. Gilbert, expostulated,  
the woman, "It is snowing."  
"What does a girl of my age care for  
snow?" replied Mrs. Gilbert, and she  
went to take her usual cold bath, a bath  
as cold as the natural temperature of the  
water would afford. As she emerged from  
the bath-room, she said to her maid:  
"Please call for Dr. Owen; I feel ill."  
The lights look strange and it is growing  
dark.

A spasm seemed to seize Mrs. Gilbert,  
and suddenly she became unconscious.  
Just as the clocks were striking 12, she  
died. The attack was said by the at-

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## 31 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 31 advertisements for help pub-  
lished in to-day's Times-Dispatch on  
page 8 are as follows:  
3 Salesmen. 2 Agents.  
7 Miscellaneous. 1 Office.  
17 Domestic. 1 Trades.

This not only interests those out of  
work, but those desiring to improve  
their positions as well.

## DECLARE WILSON SOUNDED KEYNOTE

Martin and Adamson Both Ap-  
plaud Words of Prince-  
ton's President.

## DEMOCRACY IS NOT DEAD

But Radical Leaders and Wild-  
Cat Schemes Must be  
Put Down.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 2.—  
The speech of President Woodrow Wilson  
at the annual dinner of the Society of the  
Virginians in New York the other night,  
wherein he appealed to the Democracy  
of the South to remain true to the funda-  
mental principles of the party, meets with  
strong endorsement among Southern  
Democrats in Washington. Two of them  
who expressed keen satisfaction and ap-  
proval of Dr. Wilson's speech are Sen-  
ator Martin, of Virginia, and Representa-  
tive Adamson, of Georgia. By a singular  
coincidence, both of these men, at dif-  
ferent times in the past, sought to induce  
Dr. Wilson to accept the presidency of  
their respective State Universities. A  
couple of years ago, when it was deter-  
mined to abolish the board of regents at  
the University of Virginia, and appoint  
a president, Senator Martin endeavored  
to have Dr. Wilson agree to accept the  
new position.

Representative Adamson to-day ex-  
pressed a high regard for Dr. Wilson and great  
respect for his political judgment.  
"What the Democrats from the South  
ought to do," he said, "is to stand firm  
on the true principles of Democracy and  
not be carried off in an hour of discour-  
agement by the howling of wild-cat  
schemes. We will not let the danger  
of radical leaders gaining control of the  
party in certain Southern States. This  
would be most calamitous. We Dem-  
ocrats just now should, for the most part,  
say little and do less. I believe that the  
Republicans are the actors, and that they  
should be the ones to act. Democrats  
have not been effaced from the map by  
any means as a result of the election,  
and it is a big mistake to suppose that  
the party is dead. We shall rise up and  
think some day and achieve a victory as  
great as was our last success."

## FARMER BURNED WHILE TRYING TO SAVE HIS STOCK

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 2.—Elli-  
gore Hodges, a well-to-do farmer of this  
section, was seriously burned early this  
morning while trying to save his stock  
from the flames that completely destroyed  
his barn. One horse, a mule and one cow  
were burned. The fire, Hodges is con-  
vinced, was of incendiary origin, and  
bloodhounds have been put on the trail.

## CASE OF HYDROPHOBIA IN NEWPORT NEWS

Nine-Year-Old Boy Who Was  
Bitten Dies After Great  
Suffering.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 2.—  
Lynn Saunders, the nine-year-old son  
of L. B. Saunders, a fisherman living on  
the Boulevard, between Newport News  
and Hampton, died to-night with marked  
symptoms of hydrophobia. The boy was  
bitten by a mad dog two months ago,  
but little attention was paid to the mat-  
ter until a few days ago, when he began  
to show symptoms of derangement, and  
suffered intense agony at times. Yester-  
day Dr. J. J. Sims was called in, and at  
once pronounced it a case of hydrophobia.  
It was then too late for the Pasteur or  
any other treatment, and the boy died  
to-night, after suffering which frequently  
rendered him unconscious.  
This is the second case of hydrophobia  
in this city in recent years, a negro liv-  
ing died from the disease some time ago.

## New Pistols for Policemen.

The Police Board has secured one hun-  
dred pistols for the police department,  
and they will be distributed to the men  
at once. The pistols are uniform, of 38  
caliber, 32 calibre, and are furnished by  
the Watkins-Cottrill Company.

## ST. PAUL'S CALLS REV. R. S. COUPLAND

Baltimore Pastor Con-  
sidering Invitation  
from Richmond.

## HAS DONE FINE WORK IN MONUMENTAL CITY

His Congregation There Will Do  
Everything in Its Power to  
Keep Him—Has Already  
Refused Several Flatter-  
ing Invitations From  
Other Cities.

Rev. Robert Saunders Coupland, of Bal-  
timore, has been called to St. Paul's, this  
city, to succeed Bishop Strange.  
Members of St. Paul's vestry either  
would not say anything about it last night  
or could not be seen. Dr. George Ross  
would neither deny or confirm the report.  
The exceedingly interesting information  
came from Baltimore in the following  
special telegram:  
"A call has been received by Rev. Robert  
Saunders Coupland, for the past three  
years rector of Ascension Protestant  
Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, this  
city, to the pastorate of St. Paul's  
Church, in Richmond, Va. The latter  
church is regarded as one of the most  
influential and prosperous congregations  
in the Virginia diocese.  
"An effort was made to-night to see Rev.  
Mr. Coupland, but he was not at home  
and it was impossible to learn from him  
how he regarded the call.  
"The attitude of the Baltimore vestry to  
the minister, however, is reflected in the  
refusal of a member of the official  
board, who said:  
"He will not go; there is too  
much encouragement for him to continue  
here."

## Will Try to Keep Him.

It was intimated that strong pressure  
will be brought to bear on him to remain  
in Baltimore.

Rev. Mr. Coupland is thirty-four years  
old and has been in the ministry nine  
years, having graduated from the theo-  
logical Seminary at Andover, Mass. He is  
one of the most successful and prom-  
ising of the younger ministers of the  
Episcopal Church.

He has declined two calls while at  
Ascension—one to the rectory of Grace  
Church, Chicago, and the other to become  
dean of Trinity Cathedral, in Omaha.  
His work here has been highly success-  
ful, and under his charge the church has  
increased considerably in membership and  
its finances have greatly improved, not-  
withstanding a material outlay for im-  
provements. Ascension is now one of  
the most flourishing churches in West  
Baltimore.

## YOUNG PUTNEY WILL GET DISCHARGE FROM ARMY

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 2.—  
It was announced at the War Department  
to-day that a discharge would be granted  
young Langhorne Putney, son of Mr.  
Stephen Putney, of Richmond, whose dis-  
appearance a short while ago created a  
great sensation. Representative Lamb said  
General Almsworth, military secretary,  
who went with him to see the acting sec-  
retary. This official readily promised  
to discharge young Putney, though re-  
minding Captain Lamb that discharges  
are not granted so readily now as in days  
past. The fact that Langhorne Putney  
is not of age, made his discharge an easy  
matter, but the further fact that he gave  
his age as twenty-one was also embar-  
rassing to those who sought his discharge.  
It is understood the government will take  
no further steps in the matter.

## CAPTAIN AND COOK WERE BOTH RESCUED

(By Associated Press.)  
SAYBROOK POINT, CONN., Dec. 2.—  
After having been in the rigging of the  
vessel twelve hours, Captain Lee and the  
cook of the schooner Addie Jordan were  
rescued off at 3 o'clock this morning by a  
launch. The Jordan was bound from  
Norfolk, Va., to New London, Conn., with  
a cargo of lumber, and went on Saybrook  
bar during Wednesday night. The re-  
minder of the crew landed in safety yes-  
terday morning.

Captain Lee and the cook were none the  
worse for their trying experience, al-  
though they sat outside the foreboom for  
twelve hours. As the schooner was haul-  
ed off, the vessel was hoisted by a derrick  
or with little damage.

## NEGROES FIGHT DUEL ON FLYING FREIGHT

Engineer Had to Keep Eyes on  
Track and Could Not  
Interfere.

(By Associated Press.)  
WINDIER, GA., December 2.—Will  
Thomas, a negro fireman, and Jim  
Brasmon, a negro brakeman, fought a  
duel to death early this morning in  
the engine cab of a fast freight train  
on the Seaboard Air Line. The train  
was running toward a tank at forty  
miles an hour, when Brasmon began  
throwing coal at Thomas. Thomas stuck  
his knife into Brasmon, and the latter  
pulled a pistol and fired several times,  
inflicting a death wound upon Thomas.  
Engineer Shepard was unable to inter-  
fere as he had to keep his eyes on the  
track ahead. Brasmon is in jail in At-  
lanta.

## Plea of Self-Defense.

The case of Ann Evans, the colored  
woman who is charged with murdering  
her husband, Norvell Evans, was called  
in the Police Court yesterday. Counsel for  
the woman, H. M. Smith, waived exami-  
nation, and the case was called to the  
Hustings Court. Judge Will agreed to  
grant her in the sum of \$1,000 which will  
probably be given. The plea will self-  
defense.

## IN GLOOM, SLAVS PREPARE FOR END

St. Petersburg Admits  
Fall of Port Arthur  
Now Inevitable.

## RUSSIANS FAIL TO RECAPTURE HILL

Mukden Reports Heavy Firing  
on Southwest Front—Sec-  
ond Manchurian Army Ar-  
riving at Harbin—The  
Japs Driven Out  
of Village.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, December 2.—With  
the confirmation of the news that the  
Japanese have occupied 203-Metre Hill and  
the report that the Russians unsuccess-  
fully attempted its recapture officials  
at the War Office are beginning to pre-  
pare themselves for the inevitable. Gold-  
en Hill and Liaotai Hill are higher and  
dominate 203-Metre Hill, but the officials  
say that if the Japanese succeed in  
mounting heavy guns upon the latter, it  
probably will be only a question of days  
or weeks before the fortress falls. Still  
there is not the slightest idea among Gen-  
eral Stoessel's friends that he will sur-  
render.

The ships in the harbor, it can now be  
stated on high authority, are in no con-  
dition to attempt to break through the in-  
vesting squadron. The guns of the war-  
ships were long ago landed and the ma-  
rines and sailors have been participating  
in the land defense. Some of the ships have  
been injured by shells. If the fortress  
falls, it is understood they will be taken  
outside the port, and be used in order  
to prevent the possibility of their ever be-  
ing of service to the enemy.

## Fail to Recapture Hill.

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKIO, Dec. 2.—A. M. T. reported  
here that the Russians have attempted  
to retake 203-Metre Hill. The assembled  
a strong force and assaulted the position  
but were repulsed with heavy loss.  
The Japanese finding sailors among  
the Russian dead, believe that if men  
from the fleet are being employed in mak-  
ing sorties, the complement of the force  
must be falling short.

The fact that the Russians are fortify-  
ing the positions available between  
Liaotai and Mantai mountains increases  
the belief that they will make their last  
stand here.

Imperial headquarters makes the an-  
nouncement that 17 officers have been  
killed and 64 wounded in the field, but  
does not mention the place. It is pre-  
sumed that it was at Port Arthur. The  
details of the attack of the swordsmen at  
Port Arthur are unknown here and a dif-  
ference of opinion exists as to whether any  
of the attacking force were armed ex-  
clusively with swords. Possibly, many  
of the soldiers carried swords in addi-  
tion to their bayonets for the Japanese  
retain much ancient respect for the  
sword and continue training with it, de-  
spite the opposition of the officers.  
The results of this sword attack were  
evidently negative. The wounded leg of  
General Nakamura has been amputated.  
The party under General Salto retired and  
did not press the attack.

## HEAVY FIRING ROUND MUKDEN

Terrific Cannonade Heard on  
Southwest Front—Second  
Army Gathering.

(By Associated Press.)  
MUKDEN, Dec. 2.—From 2:30 o'clock  
this afternoon until late to-night sounds  
of a rapid cannonade have been heard  
on the Russian southwest front, such as  
has not been experienced here for a long  
time, but no excitement has been caused  
by the incident. General Rennenkampf  
with his cavalry, is fighting as retreat-  
ing Japanese, glooming in the night, to  
occupy a position. It seems that the Japa-  
nese, in attempting to seize Russian posi-  
tions recently, so extended themselves